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## Social and Personal

Mrs. Frederick E. Nolting and her children left town yesterday to spend some time in Atlantic City. Mrs. Nolting was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. S. Buford, and little Miss Mary Ross Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Scott. They expect to remain in Atlantic City for a stay of several weeks.

**Invitations Out.**  
Mr. and Mrs. William P. M. Van Iderstine, of New York, have issued invitations for the wedding reception of their daughter, Miss Mildred Lucille Withstandley, and Silas Kendrick Everett, Jr., the ceremony to take place on the evening of Wednesday, April 24, at 8 o'clock, in the home of the bride's parents, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The marriage is of much interest to society in Richmond. Miss Withstandley, who is a very pretty girl, and has been much admired in this city, Miss Grace Meacham, who is at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smyth here, will be one of the bridesmaids at this month.

**At the Woman's Club.**  
Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Jeffrey Montague, chairman of the art committee of the Woman's Club, read some "Tales From the Studio" before a large audience gathered in the club parlors. They were charming stories recounted by a charming woman, herself a real artist, and the stories, some very real happenings in her student life abroad. Mrs. W. C. Stanner, introduced Mrs. Montague with a bright little speech, in which she stated that studio life had come to be regarded with much the same awe and somewhat the same mystery as one looks upon the "behind the scenes" of the theatre.

Indeed, it was a fascinating glimpse that Mrs. Montague gave her audience into the gay and happy life of the student of art in Paris and Munich. Her stories were just some of the various incidents in her own life pervaded with the delightful humor of the woman who saw them through her own soft eyes and touched here and there with a line of pathos to make the picture complete.

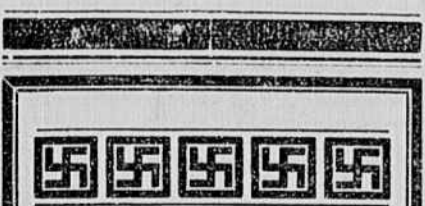
There were the carefully dressed artists grouped about a tea table, toiling in dim studios, artists and would-be artists, all straying across the canvas of an afternoon. There were lovely thoughts and tender thoughts, the smiles of Southern France, and the dark and with a wee bit of heartache once in a while. Stuccoed fronts and arched gateways, mossy paths and tumble-down galleries, cloisters and old monasteries, with ancient apple orchards beyond, long German twilight and high roads winding, winding just beyond one's vision, best of all real people passed and repassed in the bright little bits that Mrs. Montague drew for her hearers. It was a shimmering, surging crowd, young girls in blushing blouses, gardeners in lilacs and snapdragons and old men and young children and the students gay or sad, as the mood may please.

## Woman's Suffrage

If women were called upon to register their votes as to the most satisfactory flour for all purposes the plurality of ballots would read

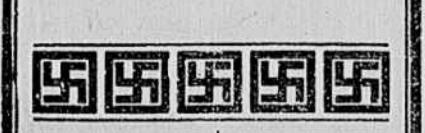
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noon at 4 o'clock at the Commonwealth Club, and is to be an event of much interest. A great many tables have already been engaged, and those in charge of the reserving of places are Mrs. Aubrey Young, Mrs. George Alms and Mrs. John C. Hagan. Handsome prizes will be awarded for the highest scores and decorations will be in spring flowers.

Another charity event to take place this week will be the annual social given by St. Ann's Society of St. Mary's Church, Fourth and Marshall Streets, which will be given in the Masonic Temple this evening. A delightful entertainment has been planned, and those in charge of the affair are Mesdames Joseph Heye, Aloysius Kusler, Anthony Kramer and Joseph Billey, assisted by the members of the society.

**Attractive Concert.**  
On Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock the choir of the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church will render a delightful concert for the Women's Christian Temperance Union headquarters in St. Paul's Piano Company's Hall, 117 West Broad Street. The following well-arranged program will be rendered this evening:

Jerusalem Chorus, "Gallia."  
"Abide With Me," duet and chorus.  
Reading (selected), Miss Mane Grubbs.  
"Sing Alleluia Forth," solo and chorus.  
Male Quartet—Messrs. Henning, Johnson, Smith, Wingfield—(a) "Old Oaken Bucket" (specially arranged); (b) "Poor Uncle Ned" (specially arranged).  
"Assurance," chorus with solos (Pearis).

Address, Rev. James Buchanan, D. D.  
"Pilgrims' Chorus" from "Tannhauser."

Solo (contralto), Miss Mary Wright.  
Female Quartet—Mrs. Anderson, Miss Goulet, Miss Jones, Mrs. Bobert—(a) "Old Folks at Home" (specially arranged); (b) "The Whippoorwill" (specially arranged).  
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Williams).

"The Evening Song," quartet, humming accompaniment.  
Easter Chorus, with solos and duets (a full and fine).  
U. C. G. Meeting.  
Amelia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its regular monthly meeting on April 5. Two new members were received into the chapter, Mrs. T. N. Hardaway and Miss Jessie Palmer, delegates to the Farmville convention, made their reports, which showed a very successful and enjoyable meeting. The following sums were donated: Arlington, \$15; Shiloh Monument, \$5; relief fund, \$10. A solid modal has been offered to the child of Amelia County writing the best essay on "Causes of the War of 1861-65." The Board of Supervisors of Amelia has appropriated to be used in defraying the expenses of their soldiers to Gettysburg.

**Home Weddings.**  
A pretty home wedding took place on Sunday afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock when Miss Esther Halperin, formerly of New York, and Emanuel Goldstein, of Richmond, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Shefferman, of the Keneseth Israel Synagogue. The bride was given away by her mother, with whom she entered the parlor. Miss Dora Passanmanek, niece of the groom, was maid of honor, and wore a hand-embroidered frock. Nathan Spector attended the groom as his best man. A reception followed the ceremony, and the out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. E. E. Halperin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halperin, Jacob Halperin, all of Newport News, and Miss Della Elmer, of New York.

**Angels in Art.**  
Under this title, a unique attempt has been made to place upon the stage human reproductions of the beautiful and wonderful angels in the paintings and frescoes of the old masters: Michelangelo, Donatello, Botticelli, Rubens, Caracciolo, etc. The tableaux were accompanied by appropriate musical selections from Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and other composers. Some of the best local talent has volunteered its aid in rendering these selections, so that the success of this part of the program has been assured. The living pictures have already been presented in a large number of cities in Germany, Austria, Belgium and Russia. In Germany, especially, they have also enjoyed the patronage of many royal personages, such as the German Emperor, the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, the King and Queen of Saxony, the Grand Duchess of Weimar, and many others. German artists and enthusiastic supporters of the cause have been mentioned Professor Henry Thode in Heidelberg, his wife Daniela, daughter of Hans von Euelow and his wife Cosima, who was afterwards married to Richard Wagner, and the well-known painter of religious subjects, Edward von Gebhard in Dusseldorf, who attended every rehearsal. In Berlin the musical program was given by the orchestra of the Berlin Philharmonic.

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gram was conducted by Siegfried Ochs.  
The people of Richmond will have the opportunity of witnessing these presentations. The exhibition here will be for the benefit of the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital.  
The artistic idea of these tableaux originated with Fraulein Eleonore von Bojanowsky. Acting upon her suggestion, Fraulein Frieda Spielberg, an artist living in Weimar, and a childhood friend of Mrs. Henry Wood, put them upon the stage. Fraulein Elise Reinick, also an artist in Weimar, is at present the stage director for the European performances. Her engagements, extending far into the coming year, precluded any possibility of engaging her for this side of the water. Under these circumstances, Mrs. Wood saw herself compelled to undertake the task herself. She studied and sketched the staging in three different cities (Hanover, Wiesbaden and Hamburg), and made herself familiar with the minutest details of presentation. While she was seriously considering the problem of procuring the paraphernalia and equipment for America, Fraulein Spielberg came to her aid by offering to duplicate all the requisites, costumes, wings, backgrounds and stage frames for Mrs. Wood to take with her to America.

Clifford A. Morse is director of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church. Instead of the name previously announced, the choir, under his direction, will render some of the best numbers on the program.  
**Interesting Meeting.**  
One of the most interesting meetings of the season will be held Saturday evening, April 12, opening at 7:45. Two addresses will be given—"What the Association Means to the City Girl," by Miss Elizabeth Dodge, of New York, and "What the Association Means to the College Girl," by Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, of Washington. Admission will be by ticket until 7:30 P. M.

There will be a story-telling at the Rosemary Library to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All sorts of lovely stories will be told for children of all ages.  
**Approaching Wedding.**  
Much of the social interest of the season will center in the marriage of Miss Olive Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell Robertson, of Columbia, S. C., and Lewis Middleton Ansley, Wednesday evening, April 9, at 8:30 o'clock, in Trinity Church. Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Robertson to the wedding reception which will be given just after the ceremony at their home on Pendleton Street. Columbia. Miss Robertson's charms and beauty have been widely known throughout the States, and her engagement is of widespread interest. Miss Ansley is of the prominent young business men of Columbia, also has a circle of friends to wish him happiness.

Mrs. Robertson is a sister of S. B. Love, of this city.  
**Important Meetings.**  
The Division Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet to-day at noon at the home of Mrs. Henry A. Atkinson, 811 East Grace Street. All members are urged to attend.  
**To Meet in May.**  
The Dorothea Payne Madison Chapter, Daughters of 1812, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday morning, May 21, at 11 o'clock, as the regent and officers of the chapter will attend the annual convention of the Daughters of Wilmington, Del., during the week for the regular April meeting.

**In and Out of Town.**  
Mrs. William Hodges Mann and Mrs. Henry Miller, of Lexington, have returned to the Executive Mansion, after a short visit to Petersburg.

Mrs. A. M. Randolph and her two children, of England, will land in this country in a few days and will come at once to Richmond, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Pace.

Mrs. W. W. Meredith, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. C. Davis, on Third Street, has returned to her home in Brunswick County.

Miss Esther Carroll, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Wingo at her home, 904 Floyd Avenue.

Miss Annie Louise Reinhardt has returned to the city, after spending some time in Basic City.

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## MEMBER OF HISTORIC CLAN HAS BECOME NUN

Hon. Muriel Fraser Enters Mill Hill Convent, Near London.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.  
THE HON. MURIEL FRASER, who has just taken the vows of religion, and entered the Mill Hill Convent, near London, is the youngest and only unmarried sister of Lord Lovat, chief of the great Scottish Clan of Fraser, which is so extensively represented on this side of the Atlantic. The Frasers left Scotland in the early part of the eighteenth century, and in Canada. The Frasers are one of the oldest and most historic clans of Scotland, yielding to none in point of antiquity, and are believed to be descendants of the Frasers of Fife, the name Fraser being a corruption of Friebe. Be that as it may, the Frasers are on record as holding vast possessions in the south of Scotland in the reign of Malcolm III., surnamed the Great Head, who reigned prior to the Norman conquest of England, and married Margaret, sister of King Edgar Athelung.

The importance of the Frasers, no better illustration can be furnished than the fact that Alexander Fraser, the head of the clan in the early portion of the fourteenth century, was charged with the murder of King Robert Bruce, sister of King Robert Bruce, Hugh Fraser was one of the hostages for King James's ransom when he returned from captivity in England; and the Frasers of Lovat, fell with him in the battle of Flodden Field.

There is no house in Scotland which has a more sensational history than that of the Frasers. Abductions, forgeries, elopements, murders, robberies and arson, all figure in its annals. Numbers of its members succumbed to violence, several of them having perished on the scaffold, the last one to lay his head on the block, having been Simon Fraser, eleventh Lord Lovat, surnamed the Traitor. As none of his three sons, one of whom was Alexander Fraser, of the American Revolutionary War, was a male issue, the vast estates passed at their death, early in the last century, to the senior descendant of the fourth Lord Lovat, who was the grandfather of the present peer. Queen Victoria conferred upon him an English peerage, under the title of Lord Lovat, and subsequently he secured from the British Government the removal of the attainder that rested upon the father of the Scotch barony of Lovat, created in 1453, and attained at the time of the trial and condemnation of the eleventh Lord, namely the Traitor.

The Frasers own a very large estate in Inverness-shire alone extending over some 300,000 acres. The principal country seat of Lord Lovat is Beaufort Castle, in that county, which has been rented in turn by the Duke of Cornwall, Vanderbilt, to William Lord Lovat, who, like his father, is a Roman Catholic, and who, moreover, is unmarried. He is now serving in the Boer War, raising exclusively from the members of his clan a large corps of mounted infantry, equipped and maintained at his own expense, who were known as Lord Lovat's Scouts, and rendered themselves most useful during the campaign.

Beaufort Castle is a very stately pile, with a long, dark red facade, gables, and many turrets and gables, a relatively modern edifice having been erected by the late Lord Lovat some forty or fifty years ago to replace the ancient little house which had been the residence of the Frasers since the burning of the old castle in the stormy days of the 1745 rebellion. The entrance is paneled with oak and the walls are covered with hangings a collection of old weapons, arms, most of them of historic and family interest, as for instance, the muskets carried by the Fraser Highlanders, who fought in Canada, and the sword which was used by the distinguished themselves at the storming of Quebec.

Among the most interesting relics at Beaufort, however, are the veil worn by Mary Queen of Scots on the day of her execution, the favorite dress of which Simon Lord Lovat, surnamed the Traitor, saw and dealt out justice as high sheriff of Inverness-shire, and the striking portrait of that extraordinary peer who was executed for treason to so many men, and who finally, at the age of eighty, repudiated by all met an unarmoured death at the hands of the executioner, on Tower Hill in London. One of the features of the castle is its beautiful private chapel, with delicately tinted walls, altar and reredos of exquisite marble. The stained glass windows being a thank offering of Lady Lovat for the return of her three sons from the Boer War.

As in the case of almost every English, Scotch and Irish peerage, the right of Lord Lovat to his ancient Scotch barony and his estates has been contested, two of the principal claimants hailing from this side of the Atlantic—one of them from New York, and the other, John Fraser, by name, being a native of Winnipeg, where he was frequently employed as a collector. Like the New York claimant, he bases his pretensions on a plea that he is descended from Alexander Fraser, elder brother of Simon, the Traitor, and whose title and honors are alleged to have been usurped by the latter.

According to the claimant's story, Alexander Fraser, while a student of the University of Aberdeen, and before the accession of his father to the title as tenth Lord Lovat, became involved in a scrape, returning homeward one evening, he passed a cottage where merry-making was in progress, in connection with a wedding. He entered and joined in the sport. But the piper had the misfortune to play a Gaelic song which penetrated the heart of the piper, who fell dead. Horrified by the tragedy, Alexander Fraser fled, his brother Simon helping him to leave the country.

While at the university he had studied metallurgy, and it was this probably that led him to turn his steps in the direction of Wales, where he secured work in the mines of the Lord Fox of Gwynedd. He did well there, and among other things discovered a rich vein of copper, which is known to this day as Fraser's Lode. When Thomas Fraser, of Beaufort, the tenth Lord, died, his younger son, Simon, according to this story, determined to obtain both the barony and the estates for himself. So he wrote letters warning Alexander against returning to Scotland, greatly exaggerating the importance of the death of the piper, and intimating that if he, Alexander, set foot in Scotland, or disclosed his identity, he would be tried for murder and sent to the scaffold. Simon even carried an entry of the legend of his elder brother to the records of the Parish of Kirkhill, and then claimed the peerage and estates of his father, as the next surviving heir, on the ground that his elder brother, Alexander, had predeceased his father, dying unmarried.

If the claimants have thus far failed, it is because, although they are

able to prove the truth of their story about Alexander, of his career as a miner in Wales, and the usurpation of his rights by his younger brother, they cannot find the certificate either of his (Alexander's) own marriage, or of that of his son.

There have been all sorts of strange features in connection with these suits. Thus several papers and jewelry, inscriptions of which are stated to have bearing on the issue, were found concealed behind the wainscoting in the walls of an old building in London, in the neighborhood of the Tower of London, when it was demolished fifteen years ago, and as they belonged to the eleventh Lord Lovat, it is assumed that they were hidden there by the executioner who decapitated him, and to whom, by virtue of ancient rights and prerogatives, the clothes and all the personal effects of the criminals put to death by him. Other documents were found in a secret vault in an old house at Kirkhill, in Scotland, while other valuable papers have been effected from coffins in the mausoleums of the Fraser family by unknown men, after the courts and the Secretary of State for the Home Department had decided against the application of the claimants for permission to examine and search the various coffins in the mausoleums for evidence bearing on their pretensions. (Copyright, 1913 by the Brentwood Company.)

**FUNERAL POSTPONED WHILE BROTHER IS SOUGHT**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Winchester, April 7.—News-papers and police of Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington and other cities have been besought in Baltimore, Maryland, Harry Lee Kurtz, a linotype operator, that he may attend the funeral of his brother, Charles Kurtz, who died suddenly Thursday, whose body still lies in Mount Hebron cemetery chapel. It has been reported that Harry Kurtz has been reported in Baltimore, and again that he actually is the corpse of the woman with whom he boarded in Baltimore. Three physicians have been with his body, and have found no signs of the family all cry.

**Petition for Election.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., April 7.—The petition for a "wet and dry" election in Bristol this city and Winchester, and a referendum, and he is expected to order an election to-morrow for May 8.

**BOARD AGREES ON DATES FOR GUARD ENCAMPMENTS**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Richmond, N. C., April 7.—The advisory board of the North Carolina National Guard, called together to-day by Adjutant-General Rankin, agreed on these dates for the three regiments to hold separate encampments at Morehead this summer: Second Regiment, July 1 to 18; First Regiment, July 21 to 30; Third Regiment, August 5 to 14; Coast Artillery at Fort Caswell, August 5 to 14.

**Officers in Pursuit.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Cascadia, Va., April 7.—Rufus Mabey, son of William Mabey, a farmer living near Cascadia, was taken into custody to have assaulted Mrs. Jessie Schearre during her husband's absence. He was frightened away by the screams of Mrs. Schearre, and fled. The officers of the law are in close pursuit, and his capture is not expected until he is seized, and officers school at Raleigh May 12 to 17.

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"CHARLES W. CUSHMAN,  
Mayor."

**Trott-Denson.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., April 7.—Arthur Trott, of Montana, formerly of Colonial Beach, and Miss Denson, daughter of F. L. Denson, of Colonial Beach, were married at the Methodist parsonage at that place, Rev. L. T. Hitt performing the ceremony.

**Williams-Dates.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., April 7.—Hugh M. Williams and Miss Bessie Bates, of Spotsylvania County, came to this city and were married at the residence of Rev. Daniel Edwards, who performed the ceremony.

**Hearing in Rate Controversy.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., April 7.—The case of the Bristol Door and Lumber Company against the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, seeking a reparation in the matter of freight charges, was heard here to-day before Commissioner Smith, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Representatives of the two roads were present, including P. W. Gwatney and A. M. Bull of Washington, counsel for the Southern Railway, W. E. Allen, general freight agent, and Harry Shelton, counsel for the Virginia and Southwestern Railway.

**Taking New Charges.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., April 7.—Rev. H. M. Canter, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, this city, who was recently transferred by the conference to Harrisonburg, will leave Thursday afternoon for his new post. Rev. W. Daffey, of Harrisonburg, who has been assigned as pastor of this church, will arrive here Friday. During the week Rev. David A. Kern, D. D., of Staunton, who has been pointed presiding elder of this district, will arrive here next week. The new pastor and presiding elder will be tendered a reception by the congregation of the local church.

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